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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-340-C - ORDER NO. 97-78
JANUARY 27, 1997

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IN RE: Application of Cellco Partnership,) ORDER
Columbia Telephone and Anderson Cellular) APPROVING
Telephone Company DBA Bell Atlantic NYNEX) NEGOTIATED
Mobile for Arbitration of Interconnection) AGREEMENT
with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the filing of an Agreement between the Parties in this case: Cellco Partnership, Columbia Telephone and Anderson Cellular Telephone Company DBA Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile (collectively "BANM") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). On October 23, 1996, this Commission received BANM's Request for Arbitration with BellSouth pursuant to §252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"). We then established certain procedures, deadlines, and a hearing date. The Commission subsequently was informed that the two Parties had reached a negotiated agreement on all outstanding issues that were put forth in the Request for Arbitration. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Commission on January 9, 1997. The Parties now seek approval of this Agreement.

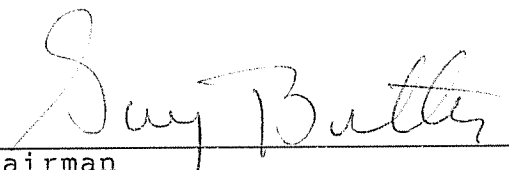
The Commission has examined this agreement and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252(a)(1) of the Act. The Agreement is approved as filed since it is not discriminatory

and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We hold, however, that the terms of this interconnection agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

We hereby rescind the previously ordered requirement that the Parties pre-file testimony with the Commission. Further, we order that this docket shall be closed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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